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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

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Group Art Unit: 1711

Application No.: 10/631,801

Examiner: S. MCCLENDON

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Docket No.: 116774

For: MULTILAYER COATING SYSTEM COMPRISING THIOL-FUNCTIONAL
COMPOUNDS

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In reply to the August 16, 2005, Office Action, reconsideration of the rejection and objection is respectfully requested in light of the following remarks.

I. Claim Objections

The Office Action objects to claims 13-15 and 20 as being dependant on a rejected base claim. Applicants thank the Examiner for the indication that claims 13-15 and 20 contain allowable subject matter. Because the rejection of independent claim 1, on which claims 13-15 and 20 directly or indirectly depend, is overcome for the reasons set forth below, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 13-15 and 20 are in condition for allowance.

II. Claim Rejections Under §102/§103

The Office Action rejects claims 1-9, 11, 12, 16-19 and 21-23 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) or, in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over U.S. Patent No. 4,619,746 to Delaney et al. Applicants respectfully traverse.